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Applicant:

Imai, et al.

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USES OF ANTI-CX3CRI ANTIBODY, ANTI-FRACTALKINE ANTIBODY AND

FRACTALKINE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time, from October 26, 2003, to and including November 26, 2003, to reply to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed September 26, 2003, in the above-referenced case.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group V, directed to claims 9 to 11, drawn to a method of treating an autoimmune disease by administration of an antibody to fractalkine, classified in Class 424, subclass 144.1. In addition, Applicant hereby elects the following single species: multiple sclerosis for prosecution on the merits. Claims 9 through 11 read on the elected species.

Please charge any fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No.: 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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